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Sir:

Further to applicant's Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

Several of the enclosed documents were cited in a Search Report dated December 29, 2000 from European priority application no. PCT/EP99/05885, copy enclosed. Non-English language document "Walzlager - Berechnung und Gestaltung", and in particular Figure 88, was cited as Category Y (document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other documents, such combination being obvious) with

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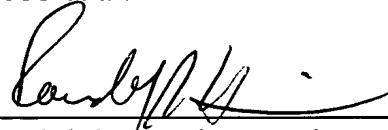
respect to claims 1-7. WO 93 17251 A, the whole document, was cited as Category A (document defining the general state of the art) with respect to claims 1 and 7.

The following non-English language documents were cited in the search report from German priority application 198 39 481.0, copy enclosed. DE 35 22 600 A1, and in particular Figure 1, element 9, was cited as Category Y (publication which places inventive step in question when considered with other publications) with respect to claim 5. DE 21 32 891 A1, and in particular Figure 1, was cited as Category Y with respect to claim 7.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

Respectfully submitted,

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